

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Sixth Annual Conference of Y. W. C. A. Student Committee Today—Results of Card Party Excellent—Other Matters

There is to be a very interesting conference out at the Germantown Y. W. C. A. today, which is lasting from 10:30 until 3:30, the program having been arranged to interest the girls in school, members of the alumnae and their friends.

The program for the day will be on "Leadership," with Miss Emilie P. Dean presiding. The morning session opened with a short devotional service at half after 10 o'clock, in which Mrs. Charles P. Pincus led. Then came the discussion, over which Mrs. Norman Perkins presided. The discussion consisted in three-minute talks by representatives of the Beta Sigma and similar school organizations.

These conferences started among a group of Germantown girls six years ago, and already there are a number of schools interested in the work, invitations having been sent to at least twenty for this one. At the last conference there were 100 delegates, and yesterday's outlook for today's meeting predicted an even greater attendance. The schools which have already joined the conference are the Stevens, Germantown Friends, Walnut Lane, Miss Hill's, Friends' Select, Friends' Central, the Mary Lyon School at Swarthmore and Miss Sayward's School at Overbrook.

After the discussion this morning there was a quarter of an hour allowed to get better acquainted, and to meet a lady with a most wonderful name, I do not know her nationality, addressed the conference. She is student secretary of the national board and her name is Miss Ooolooh Burner. Her subject is "Who Would be Great Among You?"

After a 1 o'clock luncheon Miss Lucy Yang, of Vassar, spoke on "China's Call to Leadership," and she was followed by Miss Mary Johns Hopper on "Philadelphia's Call to Leadership."

Last but not least there is the stunt. These stunts formerly have preceded the luncheon, but as they are apt to keep a bit longer than the hungry of body and soul may care to wait for eats, it was decided to have the fun last of all. The fun this year is given under the name of "The Ladies' Home Learn-All." I'll leave it to you to guess all the possibilities that name suggests.

The student committee of the Y. W. C. A., under whose auspices this conference is held, includes Miss Emilie P. Dean, chairman; Miss Katherine R. Cooper, secretary; Miss Natalie B. Kimber, Mrs. Norman Perkins, Miss Georgianna F. Dean, Miss Louise Dean, Miss Alice Dillenbeck, Miss Gertrude Hollis, Miss Edith Gregory, Miss Madeline Erskine, Miss Katherine Dobson, Miss Florence Boileau, Miss Faith Clark, ex-officio, and Miss Anna G. Seesholtz, ex-officio.

IT ALWAYS seems a funny thing that engaged couples think they can go through the streets and everywhere and no one will ever guess they are engaged. There is an unmistakable "give away" in the manner in which these shy young things gaze into each other's eyes. If you don't believe me you should have been with me yesterday, when I saw J. and C. lurching together at a small outdoor-way place utterly oblivious to the fact that in this world there were any other two people. And yet they will tell you they are not engaged. Oh, no! Well, my dear, tell that to Sweeney, or the saying is.

AT THE bridge given last Tuesday by the members of Department 7 of the Pennsylvania Railroad Chapter of Women's Preparedness 2203 was cleared, and will be devoted to the buying of materials to complete the outfits being made for our own base hospitals.

An equipment covers everything, that could possibly be needed for the comfort of a convalescent patient, including the bed. This work is being valiantly done by Department 7, and the auction bridge party given at the Germantown Automobile Club has helped to fill the coffers of the organization. Flags and flowers were donated and gave the ballroom a festive air.

Mrs. George Dallas Dixon, who is head of the Pennsylvania Chapter, also Mrs. George Boyd, in charge of Department 7, and Mrs. Edward Yungman were responsible for the success of the affair.

NANCY WYNNE.

Mrs. Wain Morgan Churchman, of Highland avenue, Chestnut Hill, will entertain the members of her luncheon bridge club on Tuesday. The members are Mrs. Charles Wieler, Mrs. William H. Cook, Mrs. Alexander W. Winter, Jr., Mrs. Fara Wilmer and Mrs. Daniel Carstairs. Two additional guests are invited every week and for next week they are Mrs. William G. Warden and Mrs. Ernest du Pont.

Mrs. William B. Kurts, of Manheim street, Germantown, will entertain a few friends informally at luncheon on Monday.

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ASPECTS OF THE DOMAIN OF LITERATURE IN FICTION AND FACT

SINCLAIR LEWIS WRITES NEW NOVEL OF "STENO"

"The Job" Is Interesting, Even Gripping, Picture of What Business Life Means to Woman

OTHER NEW FICTION FROM A SUBMARINE

THE JOB. By Sinclair Lewis. Harper & Bros., Publishers, 15 E. New York. Mr. Lewis's second novel is perhaps not better than his first because its standards differ. It is of a different form and character and aim. It does show an advance in firmness of touch, surety of material and penetration in characterizing. The earlier work was idyllic and romantic. "The Job" is realistic. It analyzes the woman who works without idealizing her. The plot transcribes the actual life of the host of "business women." It presents some pictures, not always flattering, of the boss of big business and lesser corporations. It is not a love story, but an interpretation of life, real life of our own little bit of time. It shows up our ideals and lack of them.

Another "Dog Book" DUMSBELL, OF BROOKFIELD. By John Talbot Foote. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Dogs have figured in a good many stories since Dr. John Brown wrote his short story classic, "Fido and His Friends." Since then with particular distinction the dog has stood out. Mark Twain's "Story of a Dog," Van Vechten Hostetter's "The Mad Dog" and Richard Harding Davis' "The Bar Sinister." Mr. Foote has added another story of quality to the list. His dog, named "The Look Eagles" proved that Here is affirmation in a most difficult sort of literary undertaking.

Society From the Inside CONFESSIONS OF A SOCIAL SECRETARY. By Mrs. Maudie Lowe. Harper & Bros., Publishers, 15 E. New York. Miss Lowe, formerly a Philadelphia newspaper woman, has written an interesting account of Newport, the Adirondacks, Fifth avenue, up the Hudson and other places where the Four Hundred foregather, in her book made out of articles originally written as "This is the Life" in the Saturday Evening Post. Anybody who has an ancestor satirized in Friedrich Knickerbocker's "History of New York" or celebrated in Ward McAllister's recent writings, whose critics are mentioned in Watson's Annals of Philadelphia or the blue books of the metropolitan cities of the United States will want to read this book. All the climbers will fall upon it and eat it up to learn the inner thoughts and outer men of Philadelphia's Assembly, Charleston's Saint Cecilia, even Chicago's Arche Club. There are many who are not climbers, but who live on the hill, the Back Bay, Lincoln drive, Fifth avenue, etc., and they will, if they have been good readers of the daily papers' society pages and the scandalmonger's gossip columns, find a lot of knowledge in the inner thoughts and outer men of Philadelphia's Assembly, Charleston's Saint Cecilia, even Chicago's Arche Club. There are many who are not climbers, but who live on the hill, the Back Bay, Lincoln drive, Fifth avenue, etc., and they will, if they have been good readers of the daily papers' society pages and the scandalmonger's gossip columns, find a lot of knowledge in the inner thoughts and outer men of Philadelphia's Assembly, Charleston's Saint Cecilia, even Chicago's Arche Club.

What U-Boats Do THE ADVENTURES OF THE U-202. Bares the life of the U-202, a U-boat of the Century Company.

Saving Carolin OUT OF THE HOUSE. By M. E. F. Irwin. George H. Doran and Co., New York. M. E. F. Irwin in her new novel writes of a set of characters in a set of circumstances such as we know nothing of on this side of the Atlantic. Her heroine is Carolin, the ancient House of Pomfret, a girl trained in the manners of the oldest school, educated from the books of educators of the sixteenth century and destined apparently to perpetuate the House of Pomfret by marrying into it exactly as all the men and women of this circumscribed old family have done through all the centuries since its beginning.

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FROM A SUBMARINE

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General Alexei A. Brusilov (as the author writes the name of the Russian commander) figures in the pages of Mr. Washburn's narrative as strategist and fighter par excellence, and many of the passages of the book fairly bristle with the plan inspired in the Czar's warrior by their doughty chieftain. The volume, being the third series of field notes from the Russian front by the same author, embracing the period from June 2 to September 15, 1916, is the work of Brusilov and several informative maps.

More Northwest Tales EARLY NARRATIVES OF THE NORTHWEST. Edited by Louise Phelps Kellogg. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. The nineteenth volume of the series, "Original Narratives of Early American History," has just been published. It seems superfluous to say, after the previous volumes have become well known and popular, that the series is one of the most valuable in order of date by Dr. Louise Phelps Kellogg in an able and skillful way should receive the same cordial reception accorded the others.

The narratives cover a period of a little more than threecent years, beginning with the journey of Jean Nicolet in the Algonquin Islands (1634) and closing with the voyage of St. Cosme (1698-1699). Doctor Kellogg, who could peruse the documents in the possession of the department of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, presents in a modern literary style the tales told by the writers of the time, some of whom were themselves the explorers, as Tadouson and Father Allouez. It seems that the French were wonderfully adapted to the task of exploring the wilderness of the Upper Country, as they called the region of the upper Great Lakes and the northeastern part of the Mississippi Valley, and could more easily accomplish the task from the St. Lawrence, of which they were at the time the possessors. Obviously the tales are full of anecdotes and incidents which help to spread among the masses the love of the history of our own country, the early part of which is only superficially known to the general public. The volume contains also two maps, one of which illustrates the discoveries by Marquette from the original now in possession of the Paris National Library, and the other a section of Franquiere's great map of 1680, kept in Washington by the Library of Congress.

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